

DRPT Director's Report

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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DRPT Organizational Assessment

- ❑ AECOM, an affiliate of DMJM Harris, chosen as primary consultant working with specialized sub-consultants for specific areas of DRPT's business
- ❑ Three-part process:
 - **Part 1: Feb/Mar:** Assess DRPT's performance to-date against the agency's mandate
 - Finalizing CTB member interviews
 - **Part 2: Mar/Apr:** Develop suggestions for improvement
 - Four stakeholder workshops: NOVA, Richmond, Roanoke and Hampton Roads
 - Detailed briefings to CTB at March and April meetings
 - **Part 3: Apr/Jun:** Develop an agency Business Plan
 - Organizational assessment
 - Process and program management improvements
 - Reporting and communication improvements
- ❑ Implementation begins: July 2007 (tentative)
 - Presentation of final results and next steps to CTB at July meeting

Asset Management Program Update

☐ Program Objectives:

- Help provide better financial planning, forecasting and budget information for the SYIP
- Assist in establishing capital policy goals and procedures
- Assist grantees in understanding capital replacement cycle and needs

Asset Management Program Update

❑ Proposed key elements:

- Capture data on capital assets by grantee including age, condition, remaining useful life and technology utilized
- Evaluate data collection methods, suggest improvements
- Assist DRPT in developing asset management policies
- Develop draft asset class performance goals
- Develop analytical tools to project future replacement needs, compare resource allocation scenarios and monitor the impact of investment decisions

❑ Next steps:

- Procurement process underway
- Program to be developed by the end of 2007

Roanoke Region Intermodal Facility Site Search Update

- ☐ All 10 sites still under consideration
- ☐ The facility review team is still evaluating sites: DRPT, VDOT, VPA, VEDP and Norfolk Southern
- ☐ Public comment report published on February 2nd with comments received between Nov. 30 and Jan. 16
- ☐ DRPT is inviting localities to engage in more detailed discussion of these sites
- ☐ DRPT plans to visit each locality at its board meeting in either February or March
- ☐ A decision is anticipated in April 2007

S. 294 - Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act

- ☐ Introduced Jan. 16th by Sen. Lautenberg (D- NJ), Sen. Lott (R-MS) and 18 co-sponsors
- ☐ Same as S. 1516 (2006) with rail security section added
- ☐ Authorization Bill– no source of funding identified
- ☐ Senate expects action in February 2007
- ☐ Funding Levels (6 year authorization):
 - Amtrak: \$1.6 B/year appropriations and \$1.3 B/year bonding authority
 - States: \$300 M capital grants/year
 - Amtrak reforms: cuts operating costs by 40% over life of bill
 - Debt refinancing for Amtrak's \$3 B debt
 - New financial accounting systems and service quality standards
 - Restructure Board of Directors
- ☐ Reduce delays– STB to issue fines to freight railroads
- ☐ Improve governance and operations of Northeast Corridor
- ☐ Rail security

Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project

- ☐ Status of negotiations
- ☐ Key FTA reviews and submissions:
 - Review of independent cost estimate
 - Submission of financial plan
- ☐ Final design approval
- ☐ Implement transfer of toll road and project management
- ☐ Execute FFGA



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